



BEECH HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL REPORT TO PARENTS & COMMUNITY



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Mission: Beech Hill will lead the way to lifelong learning through excellence, leadership and empowerment.

NURTURE • CONNECT • CREATE • DREAM • THINK • LIVE • SHINE

Vision: All students will meet or exceed academic standards as measured by grade level benchmarks.

School Focus: Develop in our stakeholders a *Growth Mindset* so they can be *Competitive* and *Career Ready* for the *Global Market*.



What is a School Improvement Council?

The School Improvement Council (SIC) serves as an advisory committee to the school's principal and faculty. The council plays a key role in the education of our state's children, bringing together parents, educators, and community stakeholders to work collectively to improve student achievement.

The Report to Parents and Community reviews the progress made towards increasing student growth and other milestones made during the school year. The School Improvement Council of Beech Hill Elementary is delighted to share these findings with our learning community and valued stakeholders.

This information is issued by the **Beech Hill Elementary School Improvement Council** in accordance with South Carolina law which mandates annual reporting of the school's process/progress in generating and meeting targeted goals and objectives.

School Improvement Council Members:

- Brett Gillis
- Lolli Haugh
- Erin Query
- Kentrel Clement
- Vanessa DosSantos
- Crystal Bovell
- Kelley Wanish
- Daphne Isgett
- Eric Seitz
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- Rose Stephens
- Lydia Gibson
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- Kellie Boomershine
- Noelle Hauck
- Brennan Ledyard
- Al Miller
- Jeannie Sherrouse
- Rebecca Malinowski
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- Rene Harris

THE BEACON EXPERIENCE

Academic Support

- Thinking Maps
- Read 180/System 44
- X-SPURT- Intervention
- AimsWeb
- ELA/Math Benchmarks
- Gifted and Talented Classes
- Math Boot Camp
- Beacon Bistro

Character Development

- Career Carousel
- Growth Mindset
- Big Fox Mentoring
- Terrific Kids
- Career Awareness Day
- Focus Five/Acting Right

Enrichment Activities

- Lighthouse Weeks
- PTA Reflections
- Storybook Character Day
- Gullah Festival
- Wax Museum
- Academic Achievement Bowl
- WERD Clubs
- Historical Simulations

Service Learning Initiatives

- Low Country Food Drive
- Relay for Life
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Red Cross Blood Drive
- SPCA Pet Supplies Drive
- Go for the GOAL

Parent/Community Links

- 1st Booster-thon in DD2
- 1st Book-Fit Bowl in DD2
- Cruisin' into Kindergarten
- Chillin' on the Hill
- On-line Volunteer Training
- GRAND Beacons Breakfast
- Veterans Day Celebration
- Autumn Daze Fall Festival
- Student-led PIN
- Book Fairs
- Day of Caring Participant
- The HOUSE Awards
- Kindergarten University
- Big Fox Mentoring
- Knights at the Beech
- Beacon Belles Ball
- Spirit Nights
- Parent Workshops
- Parent Book Studies
- Summer Reading Sessions
- Ashley Ridge Crop-Share
- Active SIC and PTA
- Free Popcorn Patrol
- Cultural Arts Week
- Carmen Deedy School Visit
- Ruby Bridges School Visit

Technology

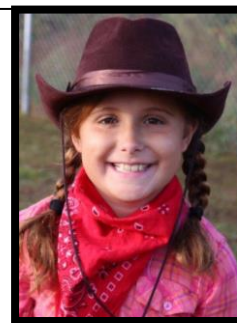
- Camp Invention
- Maker Spaces
- iPADS/iPODS /HP Streams
- Document Cameras
- SMARTBoards
- SMART Response Clickers
- Music Keyboards
- COMPASS/Waterford
- Study Island
- Gizmo
- Think Central Math
- BrainPOP
- Hour of Code
- Lego WeDo Curriculum
- Art for the 21st Century
- Prodigy

Leadership Development

- Tech Tamers
- Tied to Brightness Breakfast
- Strands on the Beech Tea
- Flag Bearers Corps
- Library Cadets
- Student Leadership Council
- Career Shadow Day
- Second Grade Market Day
- Principal's Advisory Board
- Boosterthon

After-School Clubs

- Juggling Team
- Beech Hill Drum-Line
- Chorus
- Robotics Team
- Musical Productions



The Beacon Creed -I am a Beacon and I was meant to shine, but words are not enough. I will use grit and resiliency to push through the hard tasks and bounce back from failure or defeat. I will take ownership of my learning for I am the CEO of my future. I will work hard every day leaving nothing on the field, redeeming every opportunity to become better and brighter. I will think before I act and help to make this place, our place, one where everyone can learn, grow and shine.

2017-2018 GOALS

#1- School Culture Continues to Focus on Developing GRIT & Growth Mindset

- Staff development model of Mawi Learning
- Continue and enhance student-led conferences
- Students maintain a portfolio to measure and track growth
- Add Growth Mindset celebration

#2- Stakeholders are Competitive in the Global Market & Career Ready

- Expand cultural arts experiences and integrate into content throughout the school year.
- Increase opportunities for use of STEAM/ Arts-Infused applications
- Encourage and foster an increase in personalized learning strategies (action-based, genius hour, maker spaces)
- Develop and implement strategies to support Read to Succeed initiative



SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Awards

- o Mawi Learning Grant-2017
- o Wal-Mart Community Grant-Kelley Wanish-2016
- o Lowes Grant Toolbox Grant- Jackie Leggette-2016
- o Best Public School ~Lowcountry Parent Magazine 2014
- o Named TD Bank's Palmetto's Finest- 2012

School Report Card- Absolute Ratings*

- Excellent: 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

School Report Card- Improvement Ratings*

- Excellent: 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014

*School Report Card Ratings paused from 2015- 2018.

School Performance Growth Index:

2015-Level 5 out of 5

2016-Level 5 out of 5

Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards

- General Performance (Gold): 2009- 2015
- Closing the Achievement Gap (Silver): 2012-2015

Federal Accountability Grades: 2012-2014- A

District Academic Competitions

- Robotics Team State Champions (2015)
- Math is Cool Contest—1st Place-District (2015)

Other Recognitions

- o Educator Grant Recipients: Seth Keafer, Heather Bass, Jana Hooks, Paula Luciano, Kentrel Clement
- o Bosch Innovations Grant -Kentrel Clement
- o Schoolwide Staff Development:
 - Growth Mindset
 - Thinking Map
 - Writing & Text Dependent Analysis
 - Math Academy
- o 17 PTA Mini-Grants Awards
- o Jump Rope for Heart
- o World Class Juggling Team
- o Donors Choose Grants:
 - Allison Ransom (2)
 - Meggie Wegmann
 - Kentrel Clement
 - Jana Hooks
 - Ali Rayfield Smith
 - Dianne Lewis (2)
 - Stevie Ward
 - Courtney Creech
 - Jeni Nix (2)
 - Paula Luciano
 - Becca Malinowski
 - Taylor Wilson
 - Rose Stephens(3)
- o Cooper River Bridge Run Grant Recipients
 - o Anne O'Sullivan
- o Target Grant Recipients- Heather Bass
- o MUSC Wellness School-wide Program
- o Cool School -WCBd- Channel 2: 2012 & 2017
- o Recognized on the Today Show for Art for the Sky 2014
- o Distinguished Arts Program (DAP) Grant - Lisa Gleason
- o Home of 9 Nationally Board Certified Teachers
- o 100% of Staff trained- Darkness to Light program

INDICATORS OF SUCCESS FOR 2016-2017 GOALS

#1-School Culture Focuses on Developing GRIT & Growth Mindset

- Conducted a school-wide book study of Dr. Dweck's Mindset The New Psychology of Success
- Followed-up with a support group that measured and applied strategies in classrooms
- Conducted several parent workshops on growth mindset and motivation
- Sponsored several parent/teacher book studies on Mindsets for Parents, Mary Cay Ricci
- Provided a teacher leadership field trip to ASCD conference (Atlanta 2016) to see Dr. Dweck
- Implemented a school-wide PD using Mindset Works (2016-2017)
- Held a book study using The Growth Mindset Coach, Annie Brock and Heather Hundley
- Presented information in weekly newsletters to parents "One to Grow On"
- Held related contests (like Growth Mindset Logo Contest)
- Secured a national grant through Mawi Learning for additional staff development
- Leadership team will present at SCASA's Innovative Ideas Institute June, 2017

#2-Stakeholders are Competitive in the Global Market & Career Ready

- conducted student-led conferences with growth as the focus
- conducted initial and continuous assessments to measure student progress
- staff development in Read to Succeed initiative and other language arts programs
- acquisition of 18 Donors Choose grants
- 20 classrooms with action-based manipulatives
- 12 classrooms with regularly scheduled STEAM applications
- Addition of Maker Space materials in the school media center
- Addition of school iPad Lab
- Acquisition of 45 HP streams (laptops) & 30 iPads for classroom use
- Guidance lessons focus of the science of the brain and neuro-plasticity
- Implementation of new Career Carousel Day
- Continuation of WERD Clubs
- Continuation of Cultural Arts Week (8 Artists-in-Residence)
- Wal-Mart Grant- funded books to support 11 classroom libraries
- Author's Visit- Carmen Agra Deedy

SCHOOL YEARS	2014	2015	2016
Student Enrollment	1,264	1,298	970
Certified Teachers	80	84	64
Classified Staff Members	44	41	50
Administrators	3	3	2
School Counselors & Instructional Coaches	4	4	4
Volunteers	322	315	343
2016 ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE			
SCPASS % Met/Exceeding	State	DD2	BHES
Science			
4	65	74	78.9
5	65.7	74.2	89.2
Social Studies			
4	81.3	87.8	90.9
5	71.5	80.5	90.5
SCPASS % Met/Exceeding			
Math			
3	53.6	64	71
4	46.7	59	64
5	44.3	56	72
ELA			
3	43.7	55	59
4	43.4	57	67
5	41.2	55	71

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